

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
BEFORE THE RHODE ISLAND ETHICS COMMISSION**

In re: Gary Cote,  
Respondent

Complaint No. 2019-13

**ORDER**

This matter having been heard before the Rhode Island Ethics Commission on September 24, 2019, pursuant to Commission Regulation 520-RICR-00-00-3.16 Informal Disposition (1011), and the Commission having considered the Complaint herein, the arguments of counsel, and the proposed Information Resolution and Settlement, which is incorporated by reference herein, it is hereby:

**ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED**


THAT the Commission approves the Informal Resolution and Settlement as submitted;

THAT the Commission incorporates by reference herein the Findings of Fact and Admissions, and the Conclusions of Law, set forth in the Informal Resolution and Settlement;

THAT the Respondent violated R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(a); and

THAT the Respondent is ordered to pay a civil penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

ENTERED as an Order of this Commission,

  
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Chairperson

Dated: September 24, 2019

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**INFORMAL RESOLUTION AND SETTLEMENT**

The Respondent, Gary Cote, and the Rhode Island Ethics Commission ("Commission") hereby agree to a resolution of the above-referenced matter as follows:

**I. FINDINGS OF FACT & ADMISSIONS**

1. The Respondent is a member of the Coventry Town Council ("Town Council"), having been elected thereto in 2018.
2. The Respondent did not file his 2018 Financial Disclosure Statement ("2018 Statement") by the last Friday in April of 2019 as required by R.I. Gen Laws § 36-14-16(a).
3. The Respondent filed his 2018 Statement with the Commission on August 20, 2019, subsequent to the filing of the instant Complaint.


**II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**


1. As a municipal elected official holding office during calendar year 2018, the Respondent was required to timely file a 2018 Statement with the Commission pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(a).
2. By failing to file his 2018 Statement with the Commission until August 20, 2019, the Respondent did not timely comply with the requirements of R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(a).

### III. SETTLEMENT

Pursuant to the above Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law, the parties hereby agree, subject to the approval of the Commission, to the following, pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-13(d) and 520-RICR-00-00-3.16 Informal Disposition (1011):

1. The Commission shall enter an Order and Judgment that the Respondent failed to timely file his 2018 Statement with the Commission as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 36-14-16(a).
2. The Prosecution will recommend, and the Respondent agrees to pay, a civil penalty in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).
3. The above terms represent the full and complete Informal Resolution and Settlement for Complaint No. 2019-13.

  
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Teodora Popova Papa, Esq. (Bar No. 8753)  
Commission Prosecutor  
Dated: 9-6-19

  
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Gary Cote  
Respondent  
Dated: 9-3-19